

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6711–S6747*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2866–2881, and S. Res. 388–393. **Pages S6740–41**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Forensic Science Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week. **Page S6746**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 393, designating September 2021 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6746**

#### Appointments:

**Social Security Advisory Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, appointed the following individual as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board: Jagadeesh Gokhale of Pennsylvania. **Page S6746**

**Lewis Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Page S6734**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 29, 2021; that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that upon disposition of the of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Monday, September 27, 2021, ripen at 2:30 p.m.; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jonathan Eugene Meyer, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, occur immediately after the vote on

the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert T. Anderson. **Page S6746**

**Chopra Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Page S6734**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 30, 2021. **Page S6734**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6734**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6734**

**Stone-Manning Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning, of Montana, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management. **Pages S6734–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S6734–35**

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 386), Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs). **Pages S6717–18**

By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 387), Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. **Page S6723**

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 388), Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs). **Page S6728**

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 389), Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs). **Page S6734**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Clare E. Connors, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Zachary A. Cunha, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Michael F. Easley, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Cole Finegan, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Sandra J. Hairston, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Nikolas P. Kerest, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

Dena J. King, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Kenneth L. Parker, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Delia L. Smith, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years. **Page S6746**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S6737, S6746**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—389) **Pages S6717–18, S6723, S6728, S6734**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6746.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the conclusion of military operations in Afghanistan and plans for future counterterrorism operations, after receiving testimony from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### CARES ACT OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine CARES Act oversight of the Treasury and Federal Reserve, focusing on supporting an equitable pandemic recovery, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### LAWS WITHIN FERC JURISDICTION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the administration of laws under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Richard Glick, Chairman, and Mark C. Christie, Allison Clements, and James P. Danly, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffery Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, who were both introduced by Senator Coons, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Cindy Hensley McCain, of Arizona, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, who was introduced by Senator Graham, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.